

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 3, with the following amended paragraph.

It is noted that various embodiments of optical switches that may be employed as optical switch 203 are described in co-pending application serial no. 09/819,160, filed March 27, 2001, U.S. Patent Number 6,603,893 serial no. _____, filed _____, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Switching an Optical Beam in a Semiconductor Substrate," and assigned to the Assignee of the present application.